

STATE/INR NMCC/MC (DIA) CIA/NMCC NIC NSA ~~SECRET~~ SDO ~~SECRET~~ CRS

ROUTINE

PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES

NSC/S NIO

THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE

~~SECRET~~

DIST 28 JUNE 1974

1.5(c)

1. ~~SECRET~~ COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 3325 OF 11 JUNE REPORTED THAT ON 7 JUNE THE GOVERNMENT HAD INITIATED CENSORSHIP OF RADIO BALMaceda, WHICH IS OWNED BY THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC).)

2. ON 21 JUNE, GENERAL OSCAR BONILLA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR, REJECTED A LETTER OF PROTEST FROM PDC PRESIDENT PATRICIO AYLWIN CONCERNING THE CENSORSHIP OF RADIO BALMaceda. AYLWIN'S LETTER, DATED 12 JUNE, CHARACTERIZED THE

2 N O - & - 3 ~~SECRET~~

APPROVED FOR RELEASE

DATE

~~JUN 11 PM~~  
JUN 11 1999

142

PAGE 2 OF 3 PAGES

~~SECRET~~

1.5(c)

## GOVERNMENT'S ACTION - ASI

A. UNJUST, BECAUSE THE POLITICAL COMMENTARY OF JAIME C A S T I L L O AND MARTA C A R O, WHICH MOTIVATED THE IMPOSING OF THE CENSORSHIP, WAS MEASURED, ACCURATE AND TRUTHFUL;

B. DISCRIMINATORY, BECAUSE THE TREATMENT OF RADIO BALMACEA IS DIFFERENT THAN THAT GIVEN OTHER RADIO STATIONS; AND

C. ARBITRARY, BECAUSE THE MEASURE HAS NO JUSTIFICATION IN ANY ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OR IN ANY GOVERNMENT REGULATION BUT HAS BEEN IMPOSED PURELY AND SIMPLY BY FORCE. AYLWIN ALSO MAINTAINED THAT THE DECISION VIOLATES THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IS DAMAGING TO AN IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE CHILEAN POPULATION, THOSE WHO PROFESS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES, BECAUSE I T DENIES THEM EXPRESSION OF THE IDEALS THEY CONSIDER ESSENTIAL.

3. IN HIS RESPONSE, BONILLA REMINDED AYLWIN THAT THE COUNTRY REMAINS IN A STATE OF INTERNAL WAR; THAT BY VIRTUE OF DECREE LAW 78 ALL PARTIES REMAIN IN RECESS; THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT IS MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND THAT IT WILL NOT PLAY THE GAME OF THE ENEMIES OF PUBLIC SECURITY. BONILLA ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AYLWIN HAS ADOPTED A DIFFERENT TONE WHEN

~~SECRET~~

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**SECRET**

(classification)

(dissem)

PAGE 3 OF 3 PAGES

SPEAKING PERSONALLY TO BONILLA THAN HE DOES IN OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS. HE CONCLUDED HIS REJECTION OF AYLWIN'S PROTEST BY REQUESTING THAT AYLWIN ADDRESS HIM IN RESPECTFUL TERMS APPROPRIATE TO HIS STATUS AS A GENERAL OFFICER AND ONLY WRITE TO HIM IN REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS CONCERNED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF PDC PROPERTY.

1.5(c)

4. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1.5(c)

**SECRET**